

# Stand Alone - Most Merciful God

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*An invitation from God to all humanity to behold and join the story, work, and eternal worship of Jesus.*

Colossians 1:15-18

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities— all things were created through him and for him.

And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.”



# CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

*A call to acknowledge and forsake sin against God and one another, and an invitation to receive the assurance of a new identity in the finished work of Christ.*

## CONFESSION

TOGETHER

Most merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against You  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and  
what we have left undone.

We have not loved You with our whole heart;  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

TOGETHER

For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ,  
Have mercy on us and forgive us;  
That we may delight in Your will,  
And walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name.  
Amen.

*Pause in prayerful silence and reflection.*



## **ASSURANCE**

LEADER

Brothers and sisters in Christ, remember today,  
That you were once dead in your sins,  
And, carrying out the desires of your flesh,  
You were by nature a child of wrath.  
But God, being rich in mercy,  
Because of the great love He has for you,  
Made you alive together with Christ,  
And raised you up and seated you with Jesus!  
We are His people; saved for good works,  
Which God has prepared for us to walk in!

TOGETHER

Thanks be to God!



# **BENEDICTION**

*A blessing from the authority of scripture spoken over the people of God.*

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.  
Amen.

